



Safeguarding Children and Young People is an online e-learning programme that helps Trusts and relevant professionals meet statutory safeguarding training requirements.



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The programme aims to make a positive contribution to the prevention of physical, mental and sexual abuse as well as to reduce the prevalence of neglect, in line with the current safeguarding agenda. Available since 2009, the content is having a significant impact on current safeguarding training and education provision.

Easily accessed online, the safeguarding course material is suitable for all healthcare professionals providing care to children and young people. Different competency levels are presented, to suit the wide range of professionals targeted, and the programme maps to the competency framework described in the Intercollegiate Document "Safeguarding Children and Young People: roles and competencies for health care staff". The content covers Levels 1 to 3 (Level 3 for GPs, consultant and career grade paediatricians only) as described in the Intercollegiate Document - Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competences for Health Care Staff. September 2010.

The **Level 1** Safeguarding Children module provides up-to-date learning for all healthcare

staff. It encompasses an overview of child protection, the categories, legal requirements and implications. It covers roles and responsibilities of staff, and how to respond to concerns about safeguarding issues. The importance of multi-agency working, effective communication and defensive documentation are emphasised.

The **Level 2** module is for those who have regular clinical contact with children. The training covers legislation, recommendations, categories of abuse and case histories, with images identifying signs of abuse. The training covers the roles and responsibilities of each member of staff, and what to do if a child discloses abuse. The importance of multi-agency working, effective communication and the importance of defensive documentation are emphasised. Additional bespoke case studies relevant to primary care, acute care and paediatrics have recently been added.

The **Level 3** module is designed for GPs, consultant and career grade paediatricians. Seven sessions cover unexpected deaths, antenatal risk factors, unexplained injuries, disability and neglect, fabricated and induced illnesses, and adolescents presenting with intoxication.

Safeguarding modules are also available within e-LfH's **Adolescent Health Programme** and **Healthy Child Programme**.



To access Safeguarding Children and Young People, go to www.e-lfh.org.uk/projects/safeguarding-children/access-the-e-learning/



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